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Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 CFR 1.53(b) is the

- ☒ [X] patent application of
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☐ [] continuation-in-part patent application of

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For: STORAGE SYSTEM CONNECTED TO A DATA NETWORK WITH DATA INTEGRITY

☐ [] This application claims priority from each of the following Application Nos./filing dates:

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- ☒ [X] 19 page(s) of specification
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	\$345.00
x \$9.00 =	
x \$39.00 =	
+ \$130.00 =	
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x \$18.00 =	\$234.00
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